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In re:

Applicant: DUCKECK, R.

Serial No.: 10/018,184

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

February 13, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminarily to the issuance of an Office Action in the above identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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In the specification:

Please amend the specification as attached.

In the claims:

 Cancel all claims without prejudice.

Add the claims as attached.

Please provide a new abstract of the disclosure as attached.